Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-41 (cancelled)

42. - (Currently amended) A dextrose hydrate in powder form, having:
a dextrose content at least equal to 98%,
an α crystalline form content at least equal to 95%,
a water content greater than 1%,
a compressibility at least equal to 70 N determined according to a test A, which reflects the resistance to crushing of a cylindrical tablet with convex sides (radius of curvature 13 mm), having a diameter of 13 mm, a thickness of 6 mm and a weight of 0.734 g, i.e. an apparent density of 1.3 g/ml ~~at least equal to 70 N~~, and
a flow grade at least equal to 60.

43. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 42, having a water content in the range 2% to 10%.

44. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 43 having a water content in the range 5% to 9.5%.

45. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 42, having a compressibility of at least 90 N.

46. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 45, having a compressibility in the range 9ON to 200 N.

47. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate in powder form according

to claim 42, having a compressibility determined according to ~~a~~ the test A in the range 150 N to 200 N and at least equal to 170 N according to a test B which measures, on an ERWEKA TBH 30 durometer, the resistance to crushing of a cylindrical tablet with convex sides (radius of curvature 13 mm), having a diameter of 13 mm, a thickness of 6 mm and a weight of 0.762 g, i.e. an apparent density of 1.35 g/ml ~~at least equal to 170 N~~.

48. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 47, having a compressibility determined according to ~~a~~ the test B in the range 175 N to 300 N.

49. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate in powder form according to claim 42, having:
an apparent density of less than 0.7 g/ml, determined according to HOSOKAWA using the POWDER TESTER instrument which measures, under standardised and reproducible conditions, the flowability of a powder and calculates a flow grade, also known as the Carr index, ~~of less than 0.7 g/ml,~~ and
a mean diameter in the range 50 μ m to 1000 μ m.

50. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 49 having an apparent density in the range 0.45 g/ml to 0.65 g/ml.

51. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 50, having an apparent density in the range 0.5 g/ml to 0.6 g/ml.

52. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 49, having a mean diameter in the range 100 μ m to 500 μ m.

53. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose hydrate according to claim 42, having a flow grade in the range 60 to 90.

54. (Original) A process for the preparation of a dextrose hydrate in pow-

der form according to claim 42 comprising a step involving the rehumidification/granulation, using water or glucose syrup of a crystalline dextrose of substantially α form obtained directly by crystallisation or by partial or complete drying of crystalline dextrose monohydrate, and a step involving the ageing/drying of the rehumidified/granulated dextrose thus obtained.

55. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The process according to claim 54 wherein the crystalline dextrose is an α crystalline dextrose having a water content greater than 1%.

56. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The process for the preparation of a dextrose hydrate in powder form according to claim 55, wherein the α crystalline dextrose has a water content in the range of 2% to 10%.

57. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The process according to claim 54 wherein the crystalline dextrose is an α crystalline dextrose having a water content at most equal to 1%.

58. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The process for preparation according to claim 54, wherein die granulation step is carried out in a continuous mixer-granulator.

59. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose in powder form, according to clam 47, wherein the compressibility, determined according to ~~a~~ the test A is in the range of 180 N to 200 N, and according to ~~a~~ the test B is greater than 220 N.

60. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The dextrose in powder form according to claim 59, wherein the compressibility determined according ~~a~~ the test B is greater than 230 N.